

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Cross-reference to Related Applications

This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 10/068,592, filed February 5, 2002 (now pending) and now United States Patent No. 6,721,976, the disclosure of which is fully incorporated herein by reference.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In yet another embodiment, the present invention provides a surgical table constructed to provide a mechanically-simple floor-locking mechanism. In accordance with the principles of the invention, the surgical table includes a patient support surface, a base having a base frame, a support column extending between the base frame and the support surface, and a carriage coupled for relative movement with the base frame. The carriage includes a plurality of spaced-apart rolling members so that the surgical table is selectively mobile and a pair of yokes each pivotally coupled to the base frame, each of the yokes carrying at least one of the rolling members. To that end, the surgical table further includes a lifting mechanism operative for transferring a lifting force to the linkages yokes sufficient to move the yokes relative to the base frame. The lifting mechanism is capable of moving capable of moving the yokes

relative to the base frame between a first position in which the carriage is movable on the rolling members and a second position in which the carriage is not movable on the rolling members.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

—The actuating mechanism 252 includes a hydraulic pump (not shown) which selectively provides a regulated flow of pressurized hydraulic fluid into and out of a pair of internal chambers (not shown) of hydraulic cylinder 254. When the hydraulic pump, for example, forces hydraulic fluid into one internal chamber of hydraulic cylinder 254 and drains hydraulic fluid from the other internal chamber, the hydraulic pressure acting on the piston will cause the piston rod 256 to extend. Extension of the piston rod 256 generally in the direction of arrow 262 urges the four-bar linkage mechanisms 250, 251 and the frame 50 to laterally tilt in a first transverse direction, such as to the rear of the surgical table 10. Similarly, when the converse pumping and draining of hydraulic fluid from the internal chambers of hydraulic cylinder 254 occurs, piston rod 256 retracts in a direction generally opposite to arrow 262 so that the four-bar linkage mechanisms 250, 251 and the frame 50 are urged to laterally tilt relative to the support platform 46 in [[an]] a second transverse direction opposite to the first transverse direction.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--With reference to Figs. 2 and 8-10, each panel 66 includes a generally planar work surface 90, a beveled side wall 92 extending about three sides of the work surface 90, and [[a]] an open side 93. The beveled side wall 92 defines the outer or marginal boundaries of a recessed portion of work surface 90 which assists in preventing objects from rolling from, or being otherwise displaced from, the work surface 90. In other embodiments, side wall 92 may be omitted or an end wall (not shown) may close open side 92 to adjoin with side wall 92 so that the work surface 90 is surrounded by a continuous side wall.--